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MEMORANDUM FOR: Associate Deputy Director for Intelligence
THROUGH : Director, Near East/South Asia Analysis
Chief, Persian Gulf Division
STAT FROM :
Office of Near East/South Asia Analysis
SUBJECT : Request to Give an Oral Presentation

1. I request permission to give an oral presentation on the geopolitics of Soviet energy.

2. When approved, I intend to give the oral presentation to a faculty seminar at the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, on 18 February 1982. This seminar will include about 15 faculty members of the Academy, half military and half civilian; no outside observers are permitted. The seminar meets every month and invites outside speakers from government. There will be an oral presentation of about 20 minutes, then 30-40 minutes of discussion. I was asked to give this presentation by Professor Robert Artigiani, who chairs the seminar.

3. None of the material presented in this presentation is, to my knowledge, classified.

4. I am not under cover. I will be identified as an Agency employee but will append the standard disclaimer indicating that the views expressed are my own and not necessarily those of the Agency. I will request reimbursement for POV mileage to and from Annapolis; this will be charged to my travel account under the DCI Exceptional Intelligence Analyst Program.



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Attachment
Outline of oral presentation

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for Director, Near East/South Asia Analysis

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for Associate Deputy Director for Intelligence

29 Jan 82

Date

Geopolitics of Soviet Energy

(Outline)

I. Soviet Energy Scene

A. Strengths

1. Energy reserves largest in world.
 - a. Figures (unclassified).
2. Natural gas production continuing to rise.
 - a. Growing Soviet role in world natural gas trade (compare to Algeria).
3. Centralized political and economic controls reduce consumer pressures and make possible major shifts of resources to priority goals.

B. Weaknesses

1. Apparent plateauing of oil production.
2. Duplication and waste in central management.
3. Difficulties regarding coal: Ukraine and Siberia.
4. Need for Western technology.

II. Energy in Soviet foreign policy

A. Relation to detente

1. Detente and Western sales of energy equipment both products of 1970s.
2. Energy crisis of 1970s increased attraction of Soviet energy supplies to West (US, Europe, Japan).

B. Potential strategic issues

1. Question of Soviet leverage over Western Europe.
 - a. Natural Gas pipeline: public estimates of degree of Western European dependence on Soviet gas.
 - b. Soviet view of differences within NATO.

- c. Use of energy dependence to counter US proposals for economic sanctions: Soviet public statements during Polish crisis.

2. Economic and political relations within Soviet Bloc

- a. Organization and function of COMECON.
- b. Weak energy position of Eastern European countries.
- c. Soviet use of energy dependence to strengthen economic integration and Warsaw Pact.

III. Long-term questions for USSR

A. World energy market

- 1. Opportunities for Soviet sales of energy supplies.
- 2. Alternative sources of supply for Western and Eastern Europe and Japan.

B. Western policies on sale of energy-related equipment to USSR